

House Bill 341

By: Representatives Kaiser of the 59th, Yates of the 73rd, Glanton of the 76th, Collins of the 27th, Amerson of the 9th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 40-2-84 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates for veterans awarded the Purple Heart, so as to provide for the number of free special license plates which may be issued to any such award recipient; to provide for additional special license plates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 40-2-84 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates for veterans awarded the Purple Heart, is amended by revising subsections (b) and (e) as follows:

"(b)(1) A veteran who qualifies for the special and distinctive license plate pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall make application therefor with the commissioner and include the requisite fee. Said applicant may apply for and be limited to not more than one free license plate per Purple Heart citation at a time; ~~provided, however, that upon,~~

(2) Upon payment of the regular license fee provided for in Code Section 40-2-151 and payment of the manufacturing fee provided for in this Code section, a veteran may obtain an additional such license plate.

(3) The commissioner shall retain all applications received for such special and distinctive license plate until a minimum of 250 applications have been received. After receipt of 250 applications for such distinctive license plate, the commissioner shall design a distinctive license plate as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section and issue the distinctive license plates to present and future qualifying applicants. If the commissioner does not receive the required minimum 250 applications no later than July 31 of the year preceding the year of issuance of such plates, the commissioner shall not accept any applications for nor issue such distinctive license plates, and all fees shall be refunded to applicants.

(4) The commissioner shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to enforce compliance with all state license laws relating to the use and operation of private passenger cars, motorcycles, and trucks before issuing these license plates in lieu of the regular Georgia license plates.

(5) The manufacturing fee for each additional special and distinctive license plate issued under paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be \$25.00.

(6) The commissioner is specifically authorized to promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to ensure compliance in instances where such vehicles have been transferred or sold. Except as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section, such plates shall be nontransferable."

"(e) For each additional special license plate issued under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section, there shall be an additional \$25.00 annual registration fee which fee shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.